Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors' work is a specialized field of counseling which emphasizes the developmental and adjustive nature of mental health services; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors utilize individual and group counseling techniques oriented toward assisting individuals with methods of problem solving, personal and social development, decision making, and the complex process of developing self-understanding and making life decisions; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in conjunction with other helping professionals such as psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers to determine the most appropriate counseling for each client; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in psyciatric hospitals, community mental health agencies, private clinics, college campuses, rehabilitation centers and private practice, providing almost 50 percent of direct delivery of mental health services to the citizens of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in these varied settings in both urban and rural locations in South Dakota, often providing mental health services to citizens and communities which would otherwise be without such service; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors are individuals upon whom, by virtue of their education and extensive training, have been conferred Masters or Doctoral degrees in mental health counseling or community mental health counseling, or similar degree titles having a focus on mental health:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3-9, 1987, as

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE